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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 43-83 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 43-83 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 43-83 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by either of US 7,364,691 B2 to Barker et al (Barker et al) or US 2007/0290419 A1 to Goodman et al (Goodman et al). Each of Barker et al and Goodman et al teach a direct smelting furnace including cooling panels and methods of mounting the panels in the embodiments of figures 3-13 in Goodman et al and figures 4-14 of Barker et al for example, including elongated arcuate cooling plates (31) comprising cooling tubes (37) mounted in a zig-zag pattern, where each panel includes a plurality of projections (42) and pins (43) interacting with protrusions (49) and planar discs (51) in the manner recited in the instant claims, thereby showing all aspects of the above claims.

Claims 43-49, 69-72 and 81-83 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by US 2005/0218569 A1 to Stastny et al (Stastny et al). Stastny et al teaches a furnace (2) which could be employed for direct smelting including cooling panels (Fig. 1 for example) and methods of mounting the panels including elongated cooling plates (1) comprising cooling tubes (5), where each panel includes a plurality of projections (6) and pins (13) interacting with protrusions (11) and planar discs in the manner recited in the instant claims, thereby showing all aspects of the above claims.

Claims 43-49, 69-72 and 81-83 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese 2002-206107A (JP'107). JP'107 teaches a furnace (1) including cooling panels (2) and methods of mounting the panels in the embodiments of figures 1-6 example, including elongated cooling plates (2) comprising cooling tubes, where each panel includes a plurality of projections (8) interacting with protrusions (9) and planar discs (13, 14) in the manner recited in the instant claims, thereby showing all aspects of the above claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott Kastler whose telephone number is (571) 272-1243. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Roy King can be reached on (571) 272-1244. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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